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REQUEST FOR REFUND OF ERRONEOUSLY CHARGED FEE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a timely-filed request for a refund for fees erroneously charged to our deposit account 50-3077 under 37 C.F.R. §1.26 in the above-cationed application. The fee of \$258 was charged on July 27, 2004 to our deposit account 50-3077 under fee code 1201 (independent claims in excess of three). The amendment filed on July 9, 2004 contained 13 total claims remaining after the amendment, 6 of which are independent. Seven total independent claims were previously paid for (4 extra) when the application was filed on June 18, 2001. No fee was due, therefore, when the July 9, 2004 amendment was filed since no additional independent or dependent claims in excess of those previously paid for were added. Therefore, a refund of the \$258 is resectfully requested to be credited to our deposit account.

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Date: August 2, 2004